

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-7, 10-33, 36-59, and 62-206 were pending in this application.

Claims 151-165 and 202-206 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Alexander et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,177,931 (hereinafter "Alexander").

Claims 1-5, 10-31, 36-57, 62-78, 178-182, and 185-201 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schein et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,133,909 (hereinafter "Schein") in view of Alexander.

Claims 6, 7, 32, 33, 58, 59, 183, and 184 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schein in view of Alexander and Herz et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,088,722 (hereinafter "Herz").

Applicants' Reply to the Rejection
of Claims 1-5, 10-31, 36-57, 62-78,
178-182, and 185-201

Claims 1-5, 10-31, 36-57, 62-78, 178-182, and 185-201 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schein in view of Alexander. Applicants request that claims 1-5, 10-31, 36-57, 62-78, 178-182, and 185-201 be

cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in one or more subsequent continuing applications. In view of these cancellations, the rejections of claims 1-5, 10-31, 36-57, 62-78, 178-182, and 185-201 are moot. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants' Reply to the Rejection of
Claims 6, 7, 32, 33, 58, 59, 183, and 184

Claims 16, 7, 32, 33, 58, 59, 183, and 184 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schein in view of Alexander and Herz. Applicants request that claims 6, 7, 32, 33, 58, 59, 183, and 184 be cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in one or more subsequent continuing applications. In view of these cancellations, the rejections of claims 6, 7, 32, 33, 58, 59, 183, and 184 are moot. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants' Reply to the Rejection
of Claims 151-165 and 202-206

Claims 151-165 and 202-206 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Alexander. Applicants respectfully request that the amendments to claims 151, 156, 161, and 202 as indicated above be entered. No new matter would be added and the amendments are fully supported and justified by the specification. The amendments to claims 151, 156, 161, and 202 include the incorporation of the features recited in claims 155, 160, 165, and 206, respectively. Therefore, because claims 155, 160, 165, and 206 have been examined, the amendments to claims 151, 156, 161, and 202 would not necessitate a new search. Claims 155, 160, 165, and 206 have been cancelled.

Applicants' invention, as defined by amended independent claims 151, 156, 161, and 202 is directed towards a method, systems, and machine-readable media for displaying on a television screen video associated with a program. Also displayed on the screen are program listings, through which a user may sequentially browse, in an overlay (i.e., one program listing is display in the overlay at one time). The program listings are limited based on program attributes of television

programs that have been viewed by the user. The relative importance of the program attributes used to limit the program listings can be adjusted by the user.

Alexander refers to an electronic program guide that collects information about a viewer's viewing habits into a "Viewer's Profile." This information is continuously collected and updated based on, for example, the viewer's viewing habits and use of the electronic program guide. Based on the information stored in the Viewer's Profile, various aspects of the electronic program guide may be customized. For example, if the Viewer's Profile indicates that the viewer prefers to watch a particular television channel during a particular range of time of the day, then the electronic program guide automatically tunes to that television channel when turned on during the particular range of time of the day. Also, the program listings of a program guide grid are arranged according to the viewer's preferences as indicated in the Viewer's Profile.

Because applicants have amended independent claims 151, 156, 161, and 202 to incorporate the features of dependent claims 155, 160, 165, and 206, respectively, applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's contentions with respect to original claims 151, 156, 161, and 202 are moot.

Instead, applicants will address the Examiner's contentions with respect to claims 155, 160, 165, and 206.

The Examiner contends that Alexander discloses the features of applicants' amended independent claims 151, 156, 161, and 202 at column 7; lines 18-23 and at column 14; lines 42-46. These portions of Alexander generally refer to displaying Alexander's Grid Guide or Channel Guide as an overlay over video television programming and to displaying such an overlay as a translucent overlay. However, contrary to the Examiner's contentions, Alexander does not explicitly show displaying program listings, through which a user may sequentially browse, in an overlay (i.e., one program listing is display in the overlay at one time) where the program listings are limited based on program attributes of television programs that have been viewed by the user.

For at least the above reasons, applicants respectfully submit that amended independent claims 151, 156, 161, and 202 are allowable. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 151, 156, 161, and 202 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn.

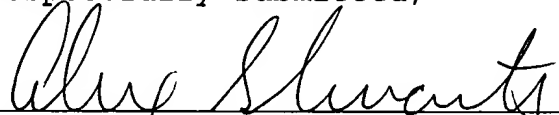
Claims 152-154, 157-159, 162-164, and 204-205 depend from independent claims 151, 156, 161, and 202 and are

allowable at least because independent claims 151, 156, 161, and 202 are allowable. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 152-154, 157-159, 162-164, and 203-205 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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